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# SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

1953

#### SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman: Councillor W. Webster, J.P. Vice-Chairman: Councillor C. E. Anson, J.P., C.C.

Medical Officer of Health:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Senior Sanitary Inspector:

J. R. BLACKLEDGE,
Cert. S.I. Board
Cert. Meat and Food Inspection R.S.I.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

J. B. SAWDON, Cert. S.I Board

Clerk: HILARY THOMPSON.

To the Chairman and Members of the Selby Rural District Council. Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my seventh Annual Report on the health of the Selby Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1953.

88 live births were notified, giving a Birth Rate of 13.1 per thousand population—the lowest figure for twenty years. The Aggregate Rate for W.R. Rural Districts was 16.6, and the Rate for England and Wales 15.5.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 22.7 (two deaths) remains satisfactory and compares favourably with the County Rural Rate of 33.3 and the National Rate of 26.8, which is a new low record.

The Crude Death Rate of 8.5 is the lowest ever recorded in the district. Of the 57 deaths, 21 (37%) occurred at the age of 75 years or over. Of these 7 were over 85 years and 3 over 90 years of age. The excess of births over deaths was 21.

Notifiable infectious diseases totalled 34 only, which was very light. One case of acute poliomyelitis occurred. No case of diphtheria has occurred in the District for seven years and, provided parents continue to regard immunisation as an essential routine for their babies and a refresher immunisation for their school children as normal procedure, the disease can be kept at bay.

The steady increase in the number of new houses is pleasing from a housing point of view, but each additional residence further complicates the problem of the foul dykes in many parts of the District. Certain localised attempts are being made to solve the problem, as mentioned by the Senior Sanitary Inspector, but every effort should now be made to implement the Sewerage Scheme, previously prepared, to the fullest extent for which approval can be obtained.

Finally, I wish to record my thanks to the Members and Officials of the Council for their support and co-operation during 1953.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1954.

# GENERAL STATISTICS, 1953.

Area of Rural District .... 33,304 acres
Population (mid 1953) .... 6,697
Number of Inhabited Houses .... 1,855
Rateable Value .... £28,265
Product of Penny Rate (March 1954) £113/17/10

### VITAL STATISTICS.

	SELBY R.D.	Aggregate West Riding R.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	13.1	16.6	15.7	15.5
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)	0.5	0.3	11 (	
All causes	8.5	9.3	11.6	11.4
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.07	0.08	() 10
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.18
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.02
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	0.90	1.16	1.30	
Cancer	1.49	1.57	1.88	1.99
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	2.99	3.27	4.26	
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	0.90	1.14	1.76	
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	22.7	33.3	29.3	26.8
STILLBIRTHS	22.2	23.8	24.7	22.4
INFANT DIARRHOEA (Deaths under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	0			1.1
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child-birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.81	0.51	0.76

# Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.04. Adjusted Birth Rate, 13.6 For Deaths, 0.92. Adjusted Death Rate, 7.8

# BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR TEN YEARS.

			BIRT	HR	EATE			
			(per 1,00	00 poq	oulation)			
1953	• • • •	13.1						
1952		14.6	1949	• • • •	18.9	1946	• • • •	20.8
1951		15.2	1948	• • • •	17.2	1945	• • • •	17.7
1950	• • • •	15.3	1947	• • • •	19.3	1944	* * * *	17.3
			STILI	DIE	THC			
1953		22.2	(per 1,00	o tota	u birtns)			
1952	• • • •	20.2	1949	• • • •	41.7	1946	• • • •	32.3
1951		38.8	1948		28.0	1945		19.8
1950		20.6	1947	• • • •	26.1	1944	• • • •	45.9
		1	LLEGITIN	[AT]	E BIRT	HS		
			(per 1,000	) tota	d births)			
1953	* * * *	66.6	10.10		<b>5</b> 50	1046		
1952		40.4	1949		75.0	1946	• • • •	150 4
1951		58.3	1948	* * * *	64.4	1945	• • • •	158.4
1950	• • • •	82.5	1947	• • • •	104.4	1944	• • • •	64.2
			TOTAL D	EAT	H RAT	E		
			(per 1,00			· Jan		
1953	•••	8.5	(pci 1,00	о рор	"diation)			
1952	• • • •	10.3	1949	• • • •	10.0	1946		11.8
1951		13.4	1948		11.2	1945	• • • •	12.7
1950	• • • •	14.1	1947	• • • •	11.5	1944	• • • •	14.1
				~		T. T. C. T. L. C.		
	INF	ECH	VE AND I	PAR	ASITIC	DISEAS	ES	
1953	• • • •	0						
1952		0.15	1949	• • • •	0	1946	• • • •	0
1951		0	1948	• • • •	0	1945	* * 1 *	0
1950	• • • •	0	1947		0.17	1944	••••	0
		PIII	MONARY	TIT	RFRCII	LOSIS		
4.0						DONIO		
1953	• • • •	0.15	1040		0.16	1016		0.27
1952		0	1949		0.16	1946	• • • •	0.35
1051		0.15	1040		0.22	10.45		0.00
1951 1950		0.15 0.16	1948 1947		0.33	1945 1944		0.36 0.16

# NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1953 1952 1951 1950	••••	0.15 0 0.15 0		1949 1948 1947	••••		1946 1945 1944		0 0.36 0
		Į.	RESPI	RATC	RY	DISEAS	SES		
1953 1952 1951 1950		0.90 1.06 2.00 1.13		1949 1948 1947		4 00	1946 1945 1944		1.04 1.79 0.83
				CA	NCE	CR .			
1953 1952 1951 1950		1.49 1.81 1.39 2.09		1949 1948 1947		1.65	1946 1945 1944		• • •
	HE	ART	AND	CIRC	CUL	ATORY	DISEAS	SES	
1953 1952 1951 1950		2.99 3.02 5.39 5.95		1949 1948 1947		2.95 3.64 2.06	1946 1945 1944	••••	2.61 3.40 3.99
		]	NFAN	ITILE		ORTALI	ТҮ		
1953	••••	22.7	(p		0 live	births)			
1952 1951 1950		10.3 10.1 73.7		1949 1948 1947	••••		1946 1945 1944		33.3 30.0 38.5
		7	MATE	RNAI	. 110	ORTALI	ТҮ		
1953	• • • •	()	(pe	er 1,000	) tota	l births)			
1952 1951 1950		0 0 10.3		1949 1948 1947	••••	0 0 0	1946 1945 1944	••••	0 0

# BIRTHS, 1953.

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I' D' 4 I	• , •	1			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—L	_		• • •	• • • •	43	40	83
1.1	legitima	ate.	• • •	• • • •	5	0	5
		TT)			40	4.0	
		Tot	al	• • • •	48	40	88
Stillbirths	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• • •	• • • •	2	0	2
	*****		DE	4 PEG V	1000		
	CAUSES	OF OF	DE.	AIH,	1953.		
					Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (R		- /		• • • •	1	0	1
Tuberculosis (O	ther for	rms)	• • • •	••••	0	1	1
	• • • •		• • • •	• • • •	3	7	10
Vascular Lesion	s of Ne	rvous	Syst	em	2	4	6
Heart Diseases	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •		9	10	19
Other diseases o	f circula	atory	syste	m	0	1	1
Bronchitis	• • • •		• • • •	••••	4	0	4
Influenza		• • • •		• • • •	2	0	2
Pneumonia					0	0	0
Leukæmia				• • • •	0	1	1
Gastro-Enteritis		• • • •			1	0	1
Suicide	• • • •				1	0	1
Congenital					0	0	Õ
Motor Accidents				****	ĺ	Ö	1
Other Accidents		• • • •	• • • •	* * * *	0	1	1
All other causes	v		••••	• • • •	5	3	8
Till Other Causes		• • • •	• • • •	• • • •			
		Т	otal		29	28	57
		(	Juan	• • • •	<i>2.4 )</i>	220	
	TI	BER	CHIC	SIS			
		w cas					
	Nev	w cas	es III	1900.	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary					Wale 1	0	10141
Non-Pulmonary	• • • •		• • • •	••••	0	2	2
Non-1 unifoliary	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	****	U	4	24
		To	otal		1	2	3
		Ι (	rtai	• • • •	1	L	J
	Total	cases	on l	Regist	er.		
Pulmonary					6	6	12
Non-Pulmonary					1	5.	6
Tron I dillional j	• • • •		****	• • • •	A.	de distribution de la constante de la constant	
		To	otal		7	11	18

# INFANTILE MORTALITY.

One death rom Inanition —under 1 week old. One death from T.B. Meningitis—at 7 months.

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE notified during the year 1953.

				]	Numi	RER O	f CA	ses 1	Notif	TED		'ED	
Notifiable	Disease.			ges.	According to Age						ASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	Draths	
				At all Ag	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65	CASES TO HO	DR
Small-pox													
Dand Daironing			***					• • •		• • •		1	
Diphtheria (including		ous Cr	oun)								•••		• • •
Durrainalas		10000		1							1		• • •
Saml + Thomas		• • •	• • •	$1\overline{2}$		1	11					9	
Typhus Fever		* * *											• • •
Enteric Fever		* * *										1	
Puerperal Pyrexia					1							1	
Cerebro-spinal Mening					1								
Acute Poliomyelitis,	naralytic			1			1					li	
,, ,, n	on-paraly	vtic											
Acute Encephalitis	·												
Oplithalmia Neonator													
Pulmonary Tubercule				1	1								1
Other forms of Tuber				2	1		1	* *					1
Measles				14		2	12						
Primary Pneumonia	4 7 4			1		1							
Influenzal Pneumonia	• • •								• • •				
Whooping Cough				2	1		1				• •		
Dysentery													
Encephalitis Lethargie	ea	• • •	* * *	•••					• • •			• •	• • •
	Totals			34	3	4	26		• • •		1	10	2

# NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. Section 47.

No action was required under this section of the Act during 1953.

# WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY RURAL DISTRICT, 1953.

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby R.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Rural and Urban

Dist	cricts combined,	or for	Divis	ion No	. 10 a	s a wh	ole.	
1.	BIRTHS.							
	Live Births	0 0 0 0	* * * *	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	• • • •	4 + 0 5	88
	Stillbirths				• • • •	• • • •		2
	Illegitimate	* * * *	• • • •				* * * *	6
	Males	• • • •					• • • •	50
	Females	* * * *						40
2.	PREMATURE at birth.	BAB]	IES. I	Babies	weigh	$ning 5\frac{1}{2}$	lbs. or	less
	(i) Born at 1	nome	• • • •				Alive Stillbor	1 n 1
	(ii) Born in	an ins	titutio	n			Alive Stillbor	0
	•					Total	• • • •	2
3.	HEALTH VIS	ITINO	G (Sell	by R.I	). and	U.D.)		
			·	Fir Vis	st	Other Visits		otal
	Expectant Mo	others		49	9	84	1	33
	Children unde			240	5	2078	23	24
	Children betw	reen 1	and 5	989	9	1304	22	293
	Other cases			_		824	8	324
	Ineffective	• • • •	• • • •		_			
			Total	1284	4	4290	55	74
4.	CHILD WELF	FARE	CLIN	IC (W	EST	BANK	.).	
	Total number first attended who at the d	of chi l the	ldren Clinic	under 3	yrs.	of age	who and	

under 1 year .... .... 6

(b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinic during the year and who at the end of the year were:

	(i) under 1 year		,				4
	(ii) over 1 year					• • • •	17
N	amber of Sessions he	14 .					
111		oru .					4.4
	West Bank	• • • •		• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	11
	Total attendance		• • • •			• • • •	111
	Average per sessio	11	• • • •	• • • •			10.1
	In addition 25 chil	dren	made	99 visi	ts to	other	Child
	Welfare Centres in						
	-						
5.	SCHOOL HEALTH	SEI	RVICE	•			
	Total number atten	ding	Paedia	tric Co	msultai	nt	4
	Total number atter	~					11
	Total number atten	_		~		711	123
	Number ordered Sp					• • • •	42
	Number attending					• • • •	4
	Total number inspe						•
	Total number inspe						
	Total number of ve			•	JCHOOL	TVUI SC	94
					* * * *	• • • •	5
	Tests for mental de			-		• • • •	
	Re-examinations	Λ41				• • • •	1
	Reported to M.D.		-		cable	• • • •	0
	Reported to M.D.A		*		• • • •	• • • •	0
	Recommended for	-			• • • •	• • • •	1
	Attending special				• • • •	• • • •	1
	Recommended for	Child	Guida	ince	• • • •	• • • •	0
Th	ne following defects	Were	found	of me	dical i	nenect	ione:
1. 1.	ic ronowing derects	WCIC	round	at IIIC	dicai 1.	nspect	tions.

				Requiring	
				treatment	servation
Verminous heads	• • • •	• • • •		94	0
Skin		• • • •	• • • •	3	0
Vision	• • • •	• • • •		20	11
Other eye conditions	• • • •		• • • •	5	3
Hearing	• • • •		• • • •	1	1
Other ear defects			• • • •	1	3
Nose and throat			• • • •	11	16
Speech				1	5
Cervical glands	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	5	13
Heart and circulation			• • • •	1	2
Lungs	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	2	2
Developmental	• • • •		• • • •	0	1
Orthopaedic		• • • •		6	7
Nervous System		• • • •		0	4
Psychological		• • • •		5	4
Other conditions			• • • •	1	0

## 6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

#### Ante-natal Clinics:

			First Visits	Total Visits	Mothers attending
West Ba	nk		2	6	2
Goole	• • • •		1	1	11
Selby	•••	• • • •	31	111	32
Snaith		• • • •	7	7	18

## Mothers Confined in Hospital:

Leeds Maternity Home		• • • •	2 * * *	6
York Maternity Home		• • • •		12
Hazlewood Maternity Home			• • • •	6
Goole Borough Maternity Home				2
Others	• • • •		* * * 3	2
				diffulture week
		Total		28

### County Midwives.

There were 58 domiciliary confinements in Selby Rural District in 1953.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number	of (	Cases			422
Number	of	Visits			5279
Gas and	air	analge	sia	• • • •	314
Number	of :	midwiv	es	• • • •	11

#### 7. HOME NURSING.

Number	of	cases	 	66
Number	of	visits	 	2447

#### 8. HOME HELPS.

There was one part-time Home Help employed during the year and she attended the following cases:

Lying-in	and	Expec:	tant	Mothers	22
Illness		• • • •	• • • •	• • •	7
Aged	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	0
			Total	1	29

9. IMMUNISA Children Children	under 5	years	DIPI 	-TH	ERIA du 	ring 1953 53 21		
Booster d	loses	••••	••••		••••	74 136		
Total 210  Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1953:								
Age—Years	01	1—4	4-	_9	10—14	Under 15 Total		
Number	2	190	49	06	432	1120		
Percentage	41	.2		99	.5	80.1		
10. IMMUNISA Under 6 r 6 to 12 m 1 to 2 ye 2 to 3 ye 3 to 4 ye	nonths onths ars ars		WH(	 	 	JGH 1953 0 11 5 7 2		
The number vision at a Under Gurunder Vor On Liceno	r of men the end o ardianshi atutory S luntary S	tally def f 1953 w p Supervision	as as  on	follom Ma		ale Total		
The following No. 10 car Maternity Accident Other cas Journeys Total pati	ng are the ried by the cases cases made ents carr	he detail ne W.R.C	s of 1 C.C. an 	oatien nbula S		Goole 169 203		

#### PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10.

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:

Goole Borough Goole Rural Selby Urban Selby Rural

Area of the Division (in acres) .... 76,692 Population (estimated mid-1953) .... 45,317

#### Divisional Staff:

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer: S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Assistant County Medical Officers and School Medical Officers: EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S. MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

#### School Dental Officers:

P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S.

G. O. WOOD, L.D.S. (Divisions 10 and 9)

#### Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Miss M. BRIGGS, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss J. DAVIS, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Mrs. L. PRATT, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss F. WELFORD.

#### Home Nurses:

Miss P. K. AGER, Mrs. A. BLACKBURN, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. L. A. POLLARD, Miss J. POWELL, Miss M. WHITTAKER.

#### Domiciliary Midwives:

Mrs. E. BALLANCE, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Mrs. M. COLLIER, Miss M. GILHOME, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Miss H. A. HOUGHTON, Mrs. L. KITCHEN, Miss M. KNIVETON, Miss M. ROBINSON, Miss A. TOLSON, Miss E. WHITLEY.

#### Mental Health:

Miss E. T. SIMONS (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12) Miss C. N. LENG (Home Teacher, Divisions 10 and 9)

#### Physiotherapy:

Miss E. ALDERSON (Part-time).

#### Speech Therapy:

Mrs. N. HEPWORTH (Divisions 10, 11 and 12).

#### Duly Authorised Officer:

Mr. T. G. FOSTER.

#### Clerical:

Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL. Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Miss F. A. CAMPBELL, Mr. H. DOD-SON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Miss B. REED, Miss J. E. SMAJE, Miss M. E. WORMALD,

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1953.

#### Water Supply.

The Rural District Council is the water undertaker for the whole of their district, and with the exception of a very small number of dwellings there is a public supply throughout the District.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Selby Urban District Council, whose boreholes are situated within the Rural District at Brayton Barff. Chlorination is carried out by the U.D.C. and routine samples collected at various parts of the district have all been reported as satisfactory, both chemically and bacteriologically. A summary of the chemical analysis is given herewith.

# Chemical Analysis of the Water Supply, 1953.

					-	,	
						10th De	cember, 1953
Colour	• • • •	••••		* * * *	••••	• • • •	Colourless
Appearance	•••				• • • •	• • • •	Clear
Taste		• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	•••	Normal
Smell	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	* * * *	• • • •	• • • •	None
Reaction pH	• • • •	• • • •			• • • •	• • • •	7.9
						Part	s per million
Free Carbon	Dioxide	as (	CO2			• • • •	None
Ammoniacal	Nitroge	n as	N	• • • •		• • • •	0.016
Albuminoid N	Vitrogen	as ]	N	• • • •	• • • •		0.006
Nitrous Nitro			• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	None
Poisonous M	•		/	••••		• • • •	None
Hardness (So	pap test						220
			mpora	~	• • • •	* * * *	96
T)	C	_	rmane	nt	• • • •	***	124
Permanganat			)	••••	• • • •	• • • •	0.146
Alkalinity as			• • • •		• • • •	• • • •	130
Plumbo Solv	~	• • • •	* * * *	• • • •	• • • •		None
Chloride as (	ار	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	* * * *	21

With the exception of short extensions to mains at the Burn and Brayton Council housing sites, no new mains were laid during 1953.

Following an inadequacy of supply during the summer months in the Cawood and Wistow areas, a scheme for an additional main to supply these districts is in preparation and will be submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government early in 1954.

#### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

With the exception of five small disposal works dealing with Council housing sites, and three Service Establishment works, there are no sewage disposal plants in the District.

The existing disposal arrangements consist of septic tank treatment and discharge into open ditches, and as there is an increasing tendency for more water to be used for domestic purposes, the pollution in the dikes has become a serious problem.

The provision of adequate and satisfactory means of sewage disposal remains an urgent necessity in certain parishes, and it is satisfactory to note that in the parish of Barlow an arrangement with the military authorities to treat the sewage from the village at the disposal works at the Command Returned Stores Depot is likely to be concluded at an early date.

In the Parish of Carlton a scheme to deal with part of the village is likely to reach maturity during 1954; the partial scheme will of course ultimately form part of a comprehensive system which will deal with sewage from Camblesforth and Carlton.

# Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The collection of house refuse is carried out throughout the District, with the exception of a small number of isolated farms, by direct labour, with two 7 cubic yard Karrier motor collectors.

There are a large number of ashpits in the District which are obsolete and unsatisfactory, and these are being abolished and replaced with bins and earth closets as circumstances permit. Replacement is proceeding steadily, if somewhat slowly; the main factor contributing to the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the owners is undoubtedly the high cost of building repairs.

Disposal is effected by means of tipping on five tips, which have been maintained in reasonably satisfactory condition. There is no permanent attendant on any tip, and trouble is experienced by local farmers and others indiscriminately dumping vegetable refuse during the absence of the Council's workmen.

#### Rodent Control.

The Council employ a Rodent Operative on a part-time basis, and complaints are dealt with as they arise.

The refuse tips are given regular attention, and a good liaison is maintained with the County Pests Department regaridng agricultural holdings.

No major infestation has been reported during the year, and a comparatively small number of complaints in respect of domestic premises have been satisfactorily dealt with.

#### Food Inspection.

There are three dairies in the District supervised by the Council and in all cases maintenance has been satisfactory.

Food preparing and storage premises have been found to be in a satisfactory condition, and no statutory action has been necessary. Byelaws are in force relating to the Handling and Distribution of Food under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

There are no premises manufacturing ice cream in the District, and those premises licenced for the sale of prepacked ice cream have been well maintained.

Milk samples obtained throughout the year have been satisfactory.

Meat for consumption in the District is obtained from the Ministry of Food Abattoir at Goole, but with the decontrol of meat marketing, which is forecast during 1954, it is likely that a number of private slaughterhouses, unused since control was initiated in 1940, will be again brought into use.

# Inspection of Premises under Public Health & Housing Acts.

Complaints relating to unsatisfactory dwellings have been remedied by informal action, but owing to the low rent yield owners are becoming increasingly reluctant to spend money on repairs, and in consequence property which would have a number of years useful life is rapidly deteriorating.

Owners of property take little or no advantage of the improvement grants available under the Housing Act, 1949, and in no case has an application for a grant been made in respect of property not in the occupation of the owner.

The following table gives a summary of inspections carried out during the year:

# Housing 68.

No. of houses rendered	fit in	conseq	uence	of	
informal action		~	3 * * W	•••	35
Sanitary Inspections	F • • •	• • • •			21
Nuisances	• • • •		• • • •	•••	57
Closet Conversion				4 * 4 *	82
Ice Cream	•••	• • • •	••••	•••	14
Shops Act	o • • •	• • • •	••••	• • • •	5
Prevention of Damage b	y Pes	ts	• • • •		39

# New Housing.

New houses have been erected, or are in course of erection, within the District during the year as follows:—

By	Council	By Private Developers				
Completed	Course of Erection	Completed	Course of Erection			
20	16	11	7			

# Factories Act, 1947.

No. of factories with med	chanical	pow	ver	••••	8
No. of factories without	mechai	nical	power	• • • •	Nil
No. of inspections			****	• • • •	3
Contraventions found	* * * *	•••	• • • •		Nil

